

AMENDMENT NO. _____ Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To prohibit the use of funds for certain releases or discharges of water from Lake Okeechobee to the Caloosahatchee Estuary or the Indian River Lagoon.

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES—115th Cong., 2d Sess.

H. R. 5895

Making appropriations for energy and water development and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

Ordered to lie on the table and to be printed

AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. RUBIO to the amendment (No. 2910) proposed by Mr. SHELBY

Viz:

- 1 At the end of title I of division A, add the following:
- 2 SEC. 106. None of the funds made available by this
- 3 title may be used by the Corps of Engineers to conduct
- 4 a release or discharge of water from Lake Okeechobee to
- 5 the Caloosahatchee Estuary or the Indian River Lagoon
- 6 unless the discharge or release—
- 7 (1) is conducted in pulses to minimize down-
- 8 stream impacts from reduced water quality and
- 9 harmful algal blooms to local communities and wild-
- 10 life habitat; or

1 (2) is necessary—

2 (A) to protect the integrity of the Herbert
3 Hoover Dike; and

4 (B) to minimize threats to lives and
5 human health in the communities surrounding
6 Lake Okeechobee.